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[REDACTED]
14 December 1973

Dear Dick:

Thank you for your kind words in your December 1st letter.

STATINTL I have been in a bit of a quandary as to what to do about the letter from [REDACTED] but we got the files out and find there is an extensive history of dealing with him and his complaint back in the 1960s. You were aware of some of it at the time according to the record, but there is no explanation of why he thinks you are still actively standing in his way. My guess is he has some sort of a persecution complex and you are the target.

I have just talked to [REDACTED] who is, as you know, now the Director of Personnel, and [REDACTED], and they feel that they can cope with the problem the same way they did when Personnel handled it on previous occasions. I think this is worth a try, so I will not write him at the moment unless that further step seems necessary at a later date.

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I wish the travel situation were not quite so complicated at the moment, otherwise we might take you up on your nice Christmas card suggestion that we visit. In any case, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you both.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Lawrence Houston

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Dear Larry:

Many, many thanks for your help and advice while I was in Washington. It was great to see you and particularly pleasing to hear that you had received the National Security Medal. I hope Marie gave you my message, but in any event I do want to add again, "warmest congratulations".

Enclosed is a letter which I found upon my return and which I have no way of answering. This poor fellow has had a difficult time in recent years, and I have no reason to stand in his way if in fact I am so doing. He appears to have some kind of complex probably generated by the fact that he has not been able to find himself a decent job. In any event, would you please communicate with him and ascertain what his current problem really is. To whom does he want me to write? Is it really possible that I am standing in the way of his getting some appointment?

I hate to ask you to undertake this, but I do not know how else to cope.

With warmest regards,

Cordially,

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Richard Helms